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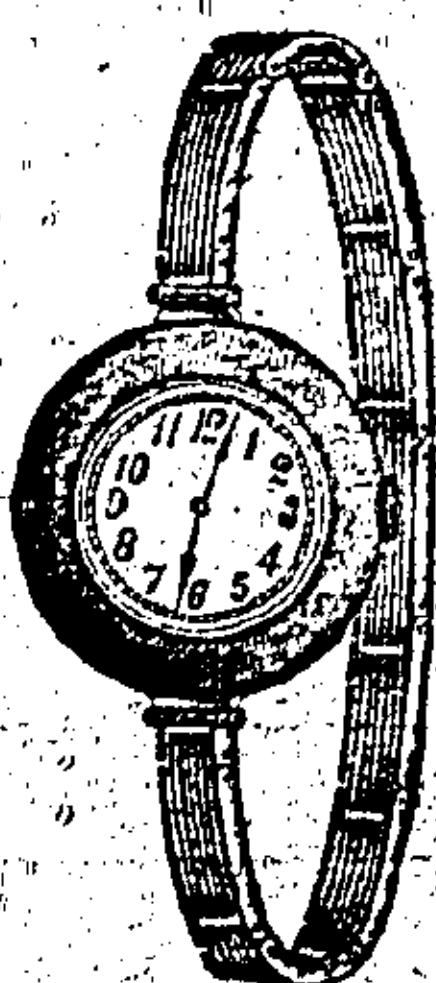
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£23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch £2,331,466

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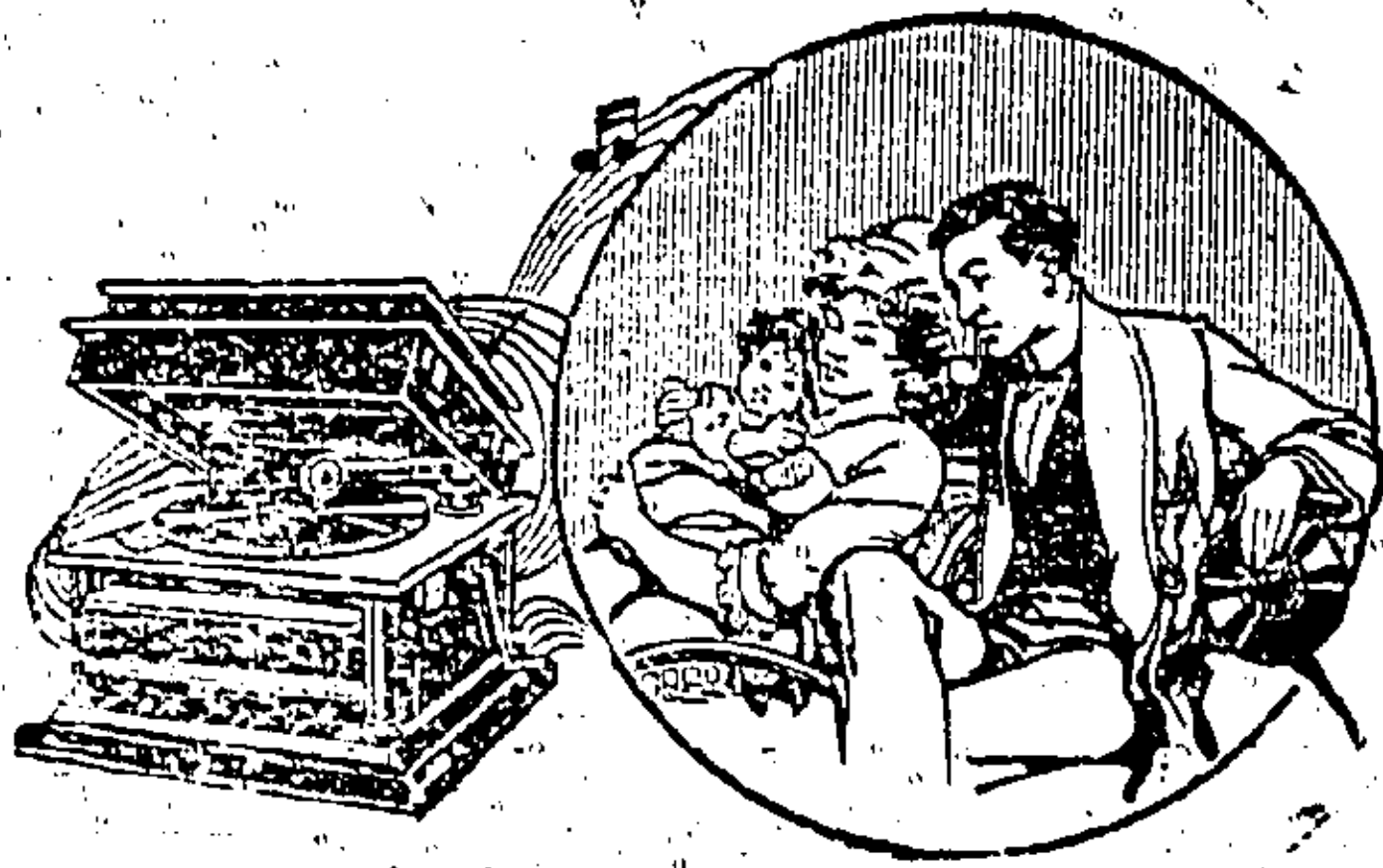
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CHRISTMAS EVE
FRIDAY, 24th December, 1915.
BOXING DAY
MONDAY, 27th December, 1915.
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FRIDAY, 31st December, 1915.

A kind permission of Lieut. Col. and L. A. WATSON and Officers the Band of the 74th Pioneers under Bandmaster Christmas will be in attendance.

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CHORUS

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Little Green Tin, don't I love thee,
Ha-ha-ha, you and me,
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee.

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When I go down to work each day,
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I can't afford to smoke cigars,
My slender pay that habit bars,
But I'm as pleased, it's common sense,
With a little Green Tin at 50 cents.

Chorus.

Chorus.

Chorus.

If I'd a tree that grew such leaf,
I'd pluck the foliage by the shaft;
Then lay me down with spirits light
And smoke "Magnams" all day and night.

CHORUS

Ha-ha-ha, you and me,
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee,
Ha-ha-ha, you and me,
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee.

Our Scottish Letter

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

HONGKONG, November 10.

THE RECRUITING CANVASS.

By all accounts, Scotland continues to give exceptionally good results in recruiting, and is classed as being better than South Wales, which was ahead of other districts in the first canvass reports. Another point in favour of Scotland is that there appears to be less difficulty in obtaining satisfactory replies from those canvassed than in other districts. The number of "dogbills" in Scotland is relatively low. One curious fact disclosed in the London districts is the large number of people who, without any apparent association with Scotland, have asked to be enrolled in Highland regiments.

LONDON SCOTTISH RECRUITING.

Literally as well as metaphorically the fiery cross is being sent round the Scots in London. It was held aloft at a meeting in the Royal Scottish Corporation Hall at which the Secretary for Scotland and the Lord Advocate were present, and the President of the Federated Scottish Associations was deputed to carry it to every Scottish Association and Society in London. The appeal by "the slender crescent" is, of course, specially on behalf of the national regiment, the London Scottish. Already the regiment has given 1200 Officers to other units, and the casualties in the 1st Battalion up to September 25 were 167 killed, 55 missing, 22 prisoners, 544 wounded, and 7 gassed. In the early days of the 2nd Battalion, when recruiting was brisk, the embargo placed upon the acceptance of men by the authorities lost the regiment something like 2,000 men.

A FIERY CROSS COMETH.

Behind this incident of the fiery cross at the gathering of London Scots there lies a story which is well worth the telling. The cross was cut from one of a group of old yew trees, near Portingall Church, said to be the oldest yew in Scotland, from which the "fatal symbol" has often been obtained in bygone times. The legend is perhaps the best known of all the Highland legends, thanks to the account given of it in Scott's "Lady of the Lake." It is the effect that when a chieftain designed to summon his clan in a sudden emergency he slew a goat, and holding the cross of yew, sealed its extremities in the fire, and extinguished them in the blood of the animal. The cross arrived all right in London, fire was easily kindled, but Lieutenant Martin, who was entrusted with the cross on the morning of the meeting, speedily discovered that it was a fake. As he was in London on his way to the meeting, he had a chance to see the real cross at the Scotch Centre of Butchery. By afternoon the situation grew desperate. There was no time to go to the Scotch Centre, and the headquarter, and it was not till the evening of the 10th that it was recollected that their next door neighbours and keen rivals, the Queen's Westminsters, possessed a pet goat. Lieutenant Martin at once interviewed the Queen's Adjutant, who, in needless to say, was astonished beyond expression. He confessed freely that the goat was his idea of a Scotchman, he could hardly bring himself to credit their belief in such a rite. It required much persuasive eloquence from Lieutenant Martin before the bewildered Adjutant gave a bewildered consent. Then the regimental goat was led forth, a slight incision was made, much against the animal's will, and the cross was well and truly sprinkled.

SCOTS CLERGY AS SOLDIERS.

Ministers of religion throughout Great Britain who are of military age and are unattached are leaving Lord Derby's letters asking them to enter the Army. In England the Archbishops have set their faces against the Anglican clergy taking a combatant part in the war. But in Scotland the position of the clergy is more difficult; no instructions to them have been issued or can be issued by those not in authority over them. They are, of course, under the authority of the Presbytery, but in effect each minister is left to decide the issue before the tribunal of his own conscience. The Moderator for the two great Presbyteries, Glasgow and Edinburgh, has collaborated in a letter of advice. "If they say that while our Churches have no law in regard to the enlistment of ministers as combatants, this 'by no means implies that ministers have to consider only their convictions and

impulses; they are responsible under God to the Presbyteries." Recognizing cordially that some ministers "may be led, by their circumstances and qualifications to judge that they would serve God and their country better in the Army," still "such men are bound, before committing themselves to any irrevocable step, to turn to their respective Presbyteries for guidance." This letter, it will be observed, is not an instruction in any sense, it is more of the nature of a suggestion. To give some examples of the differences of opinion that prevail, one of the leaders of the United Free Church admits that the best use they could make of a great many ministers would be to form them into a company and send them abroad; a very considerable number of them would be employing themselves really usefully, but when they got a man who had something to say, a man of character and strength, he did not think they could employ him worse than by sending him to the war. A leader of the Church of Scotland declares, on the other hand, that it is ministers of strength and character who are needed for the Army, and that they would find as noble a ministry and as great a work in doing their duty by the country as they would find elsewhere. A minister in Dundee whose short residence in India had made "somewhat soft," appealed to his Presbytery for guidance. One member assured the perplexed brother of their "sympathy," and another of their "congratulations," while the Presbytery as a whole decided that the matter be left to the individual himself. This finding of the Presbytery of Dundee pretty well reflects the attitude of all the Scottish Church Courts. The perplexed minister of the gospel of peace whom Lord Derby summons to war is left to the exercise of his own judgment as to whether or not he should exchange the sword of the spirit for the rifle of the sword of the Church of England, of course, holds the clergyman in a strictly secular sense set apart for another service. The Scottish Churches, however, have not yet pretended to set up a priestly order. Their ministers are just Christian men, better instructed in the faith and doctrine of the Church than their flock, but debared from no duty which they can urge upon the flock as consistent with their Christianity. Whatever may be thought South of the Border, it will be difficult to convince a Scotsman that "solemn ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament" is not inconsistent with the supreme sacrifice on the part of a minister of religion for the ideals which he preaches. As the Covenanters fought "with one hand gripping the hilt of their whingers and with the other clapping their Bibles to their bosoms," so the minister of religion may fight in the war. It is on record of Ebenezer Erskine that in 1745, when the Highlanders were approaching Stirling, he presented himself in the guardroom. On the venerable clergyman being recommended to go home to his prayers as more suitable to his vocation, he replied, "I am determined to take the hazard of the night along with you, for the present crisis requires the arms as well as the prayers of all good subjects."

ALL HONOURS.

Captain Whitfield John Edward Bell M.B.E., No. 2 Field Ambulance R.A.M.C., whose name appeared in the list of officers who have received the Distinguished Service Order, is the third son of the late Colonel W. J. Bell, 3rd Foot (now Lt. General) and his wife, Mrs. Bell, of the late Major of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, who was killed in action. Captain Bell graduated at Edinburgh University, joined the R.A.M.C., and early in his career was given charge of a hospital in China, where he served for three years. Since the beginning of the war he has had command of a battery division.

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NOTICE.

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That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) Article 19 shall be cancelled.

(b) In Article 30 in lieu of the words "Twenty one clear days' notice" there shall be substituted the words "Ten days' notice at least of every Meeting."

(c) The following Article shall be substituted for Article 33, namely:—

"Except as otherwise provided by these Articles no business shall be transacted at any Meeting unless there shall be personally present at the commencement of the business Ten or more Shareholders."

(d) Article 64 shall be altered by striking out all words after the words "upon a poll every shareholder" and by adding after such words "present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him."

Dated the 6th day of December, 1915.

By Order of the Board,
C. PEMBERTON,
Secretary.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Head Office of the Society, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, 1st Floor, Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY the 20th day of December, 1915, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Society held on the 4th day of December, 1915, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1. "That Article No. 9 of the Company's Articles of Association which now reads:—

"The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares of any shareholder for all monies due to the Company either from him alone or jointly with any other person, and where a share is held by more persons than one the Company shall have a lien thereon in respect of all monies so due to it from all or any of the holders thereof."

be eliminated in its entirety, and that in lieu thereof the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 9:—

"The Company shall have a first and paramount lien upon all the shares registered in the name of each shareholder (whether solely or jointly with others) and upon the proceeds of sale thereof, for the payment, fulfilment, or discharge thereof shall have an equitable interest in any share shall be created except upon the footing and condition that Clause 33A hereof shall be in full effect. And such lien shall extend to all dividends from time to time declared in respect of such share."

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Four Upholstered Suites, Arm-chairs and Sofas, Card Table, &c., Bedroom Furniture, Double and Single Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Sideboard by Powell, Ltd., Dinner Wagon, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, Tea and Occasional Tables, etc., etc., Dinner Service "French Porcelain", Tea and Coffee Services, Crockery, Glass and E.P. Ware, 3 Cooking Stoves, Sundry Cutlery, Brass Fenders, Curtain Poles, etc., etc.
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AND

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all the symptoms of the same.

By the publication of Mr. Philip Glyn's

account of the part played in the great

"push" by the Guards the authorities have

set an excellent precedent which is hoped

will be followed in regard to the achievements of other divisions and regiments. No one grudges them the enthusiastic tributes, gentlemen at the front some time ago gave me an entertaining story of an argument behind the lines as to whether the Camerons, the Gordons, the Black Watch, or the Guards were entitled to the highest honour. All were directly represented in the dispute except the Camerons whose claims were most warmly urged by a "barley" Gordon Highlander. He had been next to the Guards on a famous occasion, and he knew. It was a fine testimony by one soldier to comrades of other regiments. But other divisions of the New Army have not been so fortunate in having their deeds recounted. The Highlanders, at any rate, could wish for no higher tribute than that paid by the General Commanding the Chasseurs Alpins, who not long ago asked that he might be given a Highland Brigade, or even a battalion of Camerons, of Black Watch to fight side by side with his men in the Vosges. It is a pity that for military reasons the request could not be granted, and that the Scots and Chasseurs, sons of this mountain and children of the mist, were not to fight side by side. Sir John French recently summarised the splendid work of the Scottish Division at Loos. But did some other Division get a proper record? Take the 9th Division as an instance. Let us select a Scottish Division, one into which the flower of our keenest and most patriotic youth flocked some fourteen months ago. Surely it would have been a good thing that it should be known that this Scottish Division of Kitchener's Army took the Hohenzollern Redoubt and Fosse No. 8 in the attack of the 25th-27th September. It was an honour to the New Army that two of their Scottish Divisions were chosen for that great assault, and a mention of the fact would have greatly helped recruiting. What possible reason could there be for the omission of this and other Divisions? The Germans knew it five weeks ago. The concealment seems to be pretty much on a par with the omission of the 10th Irish Division in the fighting in Gallipoli.

"TOUCH WOOD AND"

When Mr. Asquith in the House of Commons referred to the insignificant British losses in transport, men and stores overseas, Mr. Balfour was observed to sit forward and gravely touch the wood of the table. Some of his colleagues smiled at the performance of this superstitious rite, but the faces of the First Lord never relaxed. What did he mean when he "touched wood"? In ordinary times this problem would have given rise to a "corresponding-discussion."

"Touch wood!" says that

means what he "touches wood," he hopes

subsequent events will not convict him of

premature boasting. But was that the

foundation of the First Lord's solemn

touching of the wood? It is not only a

ritual, or does the Navy attach to it some

deeper significance—unknown to the

landlubber multitude? The Navy, in

addition to its special habit of hitching

shacks, has some queer ways. After the

loss of the *Titanic* it was recorded that

one of our gunners, upon the projectile while it

was being placed in the gun, and that he

whispered to the gunner, "Touch wood!"

The incident was related at the

time some tag which was heard and

amusing and at the same time a scholar in

folklore has since pointed out that as a matter

of fact that gunner was doing an act of

sacrifice of enormous magnitude. Primitive

folk considered the saving of a part of the

soul, and regarded parting with it as a

great sacrifice. It was not only an act of

propitiation, but also a thank-offering—and

of course gratitude has been defined as a

lively sense of favours to come.

The survival of this ancient form of

sacrifice are too numerous to record here, but the original idea, like so many

other modern concepts of the old folk

canonisms, has degraded to mere "luck."

Fishermen in some parts spit into the

mouth of the first fish of the fishing as an

offering to the sea god, and when the

British gunner spat on the projectile he

was appealing, according to the ancient

interpretation, to the God of War.

Mr. Balfour's belief in the efficacy of

"the touch" to ward off evil things

reminds "M. C. M." that the file fisher

people, who regard the right or left turn of

the pig as a bad omen, are accustomed to

"touch iron." A clergyman preaching to

a fable audience had this superstition

impressed upon him in a memorable way.

He read the chapter dealing with the

Gadarene swine. The first mention of

these animals pertained to the evangelist

Mark, and was a story of a man named

Lilith, and "Ethics of the Dust." I am

plunged in it now. It is a wonderful book,

full of condensed wisdom as to require many

readings. Is this not a strange introduction

to a great writer? That boy will never

forget his first meeting with Ruskin!

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trenches? Everything, for every man is

represented in the Army. In Edinburgh

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has made his acquaintance with Ruskin in

the last place he would ever have thought

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ABOUT YOUR RHEUMATISM.

The joints and muscles of people suffering from Rheumatism and Lumbago are like the hinges of an old neglected gate. When the gate is being opened the hinges show their bad condition by creaking and refusing to swing easily, because they are clogged with rust. When the Rheumatism-stricken joints and muscles are moved they work only with difficulty and pain because they are clogged with poisonous deposits of uric acid.

This poison is carried to the joints and muscles by impure blood. To find relief and cure it is absolutely necessary to cleanse and enrich the blood, for so long as the blood is poor and poisoned so long will the Rheumatism or Lumbago remain in your system, growing more and more severe as time goes on.

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ing himself as a Swede on a business

visit to Japan. The German prisoner

then took an L.G.L. launch to Moji and

boarded the N.Y.K. steamer Yawata

Maru, which took him to Shanghai with-

out any mishap.

No. 2.—On November 14th Commander

Sachse followed, encouraged, no doubt

by the success of his predecessor. The

first part of his itinerary was the same

as that of Lieutenant Kemptle, that is,

the departure from Hakata by the

train and breakfast

at the Sagami Hotel

at Shinonoi, he bought a ticket to Mullen and took

passage for Eusan by the Iki Maru, and

thence to Peking over the railway.

No. 3.—The third prisoner to run away

was Lieutenant Kemptle. This man also

chose the early morning train for his

departure from Hakata on the 17th ult.,

presumably to save trouble to his friends

who might be anxious to see him off.

Arriving at Shinonoi he visited

restaurant, where he regaled himself with

beer, took the boat to Korea and thence

reached Peking by train without any

molestation on the way.

The fourth man, Lieutenant Teuren,

also safely found his way to Peking like

his predecessors over the beaten tracks

of Korea and Manchuria. The journey

of the fifth man, Lieutenant Modde, was

more eventful than the others, as it was

cut short in Korea and he was brought

back to his old camp at Fukuoka as

already reported.

FIVE MINUTES' TRUCE.

Incident That Brought Tears to Soldiers' Eyes.

Sergeant A. E. Berry, writing to a friend at Newport, Mon., relates an incident in which the Germans granted a five minutes' truce to enable the British to bring in a wounded man. He writes—

"I heard a cry in front of our trench. It was from a wounded man on the German parapet, and he was begging us to bring him in. He had been there from the Saturday, when the charge was made, until dinner time on the following Monday, and was near dead from his wounds and from hunger. We knew we could not go out to him, but at last one of our officers who could speak German shouted and asked the enemy if we might carry him in. This was a brave act,

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WESTERN FRONT.

FORMIDABLE GERMAN PREPARATIONS.

London, Dec. 16. Reports from Holland speak of formidable German preparations for an attack on the West.

The Temps (Paris) says that while these reports should be accepted with reserve they are not improbable as the constant arrival of new troops and munitions appears to indicate that Germany intends to make a big attempt.

It points out that it is significant that Germany has ceased operations on the Eastern front. If the Germans do attack on the West the Allies could inflict such a defeat as would entirely change the situation.

Amsterdam, Dec. 16. Reports from over the frontier speak of great quantities of ammunition arriving in Flanders from Germany; of numerous fresh troops at Courtrai and of great activity at Ghent.

A GERMAN PROCLAMATION.

A Proclamation by Prince Albrecht of Wuertemberg found on a deserter in Belgium exhorts the troops to summon all their energies to strike a decisive blow in the West, opening a way to the coast and victory.

It says: "Your Imperial Master will be in your midst in a few days to spur you to fresh triumphs."

THE KAISER.

Amsterdam, Dec. 16. The Kaiser has arrived in Berlin after visiting General von Hindenburg's army. He will remain in the capital for some time.

THE BRITISH RECRUITING CAMPAIGN.

A GREAT RUSH.

London, Dec. 16. Lord Derby, speaking in the House of Lords, declared that the recruiting campaign had been like an election where the electors came with a great rush at the end. Therefore, details could not be given till Mr. Asquith made his statement; but there was overwhelming evidence that the country was absolutely determined to do all in its power to bring the war to a successful conclusion. The important question was how far backlogs had responded to the call. He hoped to be able to give these figures in detail. Married men must not be called up until the backlogs had been recruited in proper numbers. Mr. Asquith's pledge regarding the married men must be kept.

Lord Derby eulogised the splendid work done by his recruiting colleagues.

Lord Crewe congratulated Lord Derby on the heavy work he had undertaken and upon the great services he had rendered.

INDIAN OFFICER'S GALLANTRY.

THE KING'S APPRECIATION.

London, Dec. 16. H.M. the King has telegraphed to the Commander of the 26th Light Infantry deploring the loss of Jemadar Muhammad Khan, who fought five Arabs single-handed near Aden on October 7th, killing three and disabling a fourth before he fell himself.

His Majesty recalls that he saw the Jemadar at the Delhi Durbar, when the Jemadar won the gold medal for the best man-at-arms.

The Viceroy of India, and Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India, have telegraphed their condolences to Aga Khan, on the murder of his cousin.

AIRMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

London, Dec. 16. A blazing aeroplane crashed to earth at Farnborough, and Captain Smith, of the Flying Corps, who was on board, was burned to death.

BALKAN CAMPAIGN.

ENGLISH NURSES FLEE FROM SERBIA.

London, Dec. 16. A hundred English nurses have arrived at Scutari from Serbia, having walked the whole way.

BULGARIA AND GREECE.

London, Dec. 16. The Bulgarian Minister at Athens, being interviewed, declared that through and through will be surrendered to Greece.

BULGARIANS NEARING DURAZZO.

London, Dec. 16. The Bulgarians are reported to be fifteen miles from Durazzo.

EASTERN FRONT.

GERMANS PREPARING FOR GREAT BATTLE AT DVINSK.

Petrograd, Dec. 16. The Germans are reported to be preparing for a great battle in the region of Drinsk. They are bringing up heavy guns and new regiments.

GENERAL PAU IN RUSSIA.

Petrograd, Dec. 16. General Pau, of the French Army, has arrived here.

It is stated that the General will remain in the capital with the Imperial General Staff.

This decision is welcomed by the Press as contributing to unity of action among the Allies.

NO MORE KING'S COUNSEL TILL THE WAR ENDS.

London, Dec. 16. The Lord Chancellor announces that no appointments of King's Counsel will be made till the end of the war, owing to the number of barristers serving in the Army.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE.

London, Dec. 16. On the nomination of the India Office the President of the Board of Trade has appointed Mr. Louis Kershaw a member of the Advisory Committee of the Commercial Intelligence Department.

Mr. Kershaw has been Secretary to the Government Financial and Municipal Departments of Bihar and Orissa, and was previously Secretary to the Government of East Bengal and Assam. He received the C.I.E. decoration in 1911.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

THE ENTENTE MINISTERS AND CHINA.

A JOINT NOTE.

Peking, Dec. 16. The Japanese, British, French, Russian and Italian Ministers called at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday, and formally read a Joint Note regarding China's undertaking to maintain peace.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.

Peking, Dec. 16. The Foreign Department has had all the petitions from the people of the various Provinces in favour of Yuan Shih Kai becoming Emperor, and the Mandates issued in reply, translated and sent to the various Foreign Ministers.

THE IMPERIAL CARRIAGE.

Peking, Dec. 16. The Ching Imperial Family have handed over the imperial carriage to the office which is making preparations for the re-establishment of a monarchy.

LI YUAN HUNG CREATED A PRINCE.

Peking, Dec. 16. Li Yuan Hung, the Vice-President, has been created a Prince by Mandate of the Emperor-elect.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WESTERN FRONT.

RESIGNATION OF SIR JOHN FRENCH.

GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG IN COMMAND.

London, Dec. 16. The War Office announces that Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Field-Marshal Sir John French in command of the army in France and Flanders.

The War Office announcement adds that since the commencement of the war, and during sixteen months of severe and incessant strain, Field-Marshal French has most ably commanded our Armies in France and Flanders. He has now, at his own instance, relinquished the command, and His Majesty's Government, with a full appreciation of and gratitude for the conspicuous services which Sir John French has rendered the country at the front, have, with the King's approval, requested Field-Marshal French to accept the appointment of Field-Marshal commanding the troops in the United Kingdom.

Sir John French relinquished the command at his own instance. He has been appointed Field-Marshal commanding the troops in the United Kingdom.

The King has conferred a Viscounty upon him.

MORE FRENCH SUCCESSES.

Paris, Dec. 15. A communique states that an artillery duel turned to our advantage, the enemy's troops and convoys being dispersed. The German defences were badly damaged at various points. Three French air squadrons of respectively 11, 22 and 12 aeroplanes, bombed and damaged the railway junction at Mulheim, the enemy establishments of Hauriancourt, and the works in the Chateau Salins district. A German squadron of five machines was driven off at Chateau Salins.

ENEMY AVIATION CAMP BOMBED.

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COPENHAGEN, Dec. 16. By the explosion of a bomb the new Zeppelin L 22 was destroyed as it was leaving the shed at Western Schlegel. The crew of forty were killed or wounded, and the huge shed was demolished.

The L 22 which had been only a few weeks in use is described as the sister ship of Z 18 which recently exploded. She was fitted with all the latest improvements. There were platforms on top of the envelope, for machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns, invisible gondolas, and detachable rafts in case of accidents at sea. The Z 22 was wrecked near Hamburg.

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SUEZ CANAL MAY BE CLOSED.

Enquiries among shipping companies in London show that none have decided to abandon the Suez Canal route in favour of the Cape, though several said that the question was being seriously considered, one declaring that they expected that the Suez Canal would be closed.

FRENCH EASTERN ARMY.

PAIRI, Dec. 16. A communique states: "There is nothing new to report concerning the eastern army. The Bulgarians have not crossed the Greek frontier."

THE "PEACE SHIP."

London, Dec. 16. Mr. Ford's "peace ship" has arrived at Kirkwall en route for Christiansia.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR BOYED AND PAPER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. The British Embassy has authorized the issue of safe conducts to the German Captains Boyed and Paper, who will sail for Rotterdam on the 20th.

OBITUARY.

LORD ALVERSTONE. London, Dec. 16. The death is announced of Lord Alverstone, until two years ago Lord Chief Justice of England.

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THE DARDANELLES.

PARIS, Dec. 16. Cannonading and mining continue at the Dardanelles.

BALKAN CAMPAIGN.

ENTENTE ALLIES AND GREECE.

SITUATION BELIEVED TO BE MORE FAVOURABLE.

ATHENS, Dec. 15. Everything at present is going on very favourably. The Entente relations with Greece are steadily improving.

King Constantine attends the ball on the 17th of the month, and the Bulgarian Minister has issued a reassuring announcement indicating that the Bulgarians will not enter Greece. The latter have now given the Allies free movement over a large sweep of Greek territory, and in eastern Macedonia. The Greek troops are being removed westward.

AFFAIRS IN PERSIA.

STRENGTH OF ENEMY FORCES.

London, Dec. 16. In the House of Commons, Lord Roberts said that he had little reliable information concerning the enemy forces at Hamadan, but he understood that there were some 3,000 irregulars, and 3,000 "revolted" gendarmes.

RUSSIANS IN PURSUIT.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 16. A communique states: "Our forces continue to pursue the Turco-Germans along the Hamadan road. A detachment from the population of industrial Hians from Hamadan have come and begged protection against the rebels."

ARABS AGAIN, DRIVEN BACK.

Cairo, Dec. 16. An official announcement states that there was another engagement on the western frontier on the 13th inst. Colonel Gordon encountered twenty-four miles westward of Matruh, 1,200 hostile Arabs with guns and machine-guns, under Gaafar Pasha. The enemy attacked vigorously, but were driven back with heavy losses. Daylight falling, we were unable to ascertain figures. Our casualties were four British and four Indians killed, five British officers and eighteen of other ranks and fifteen Indians wounded. The prisoners, among whom was Sheikh Tissan Gabril, state that in the fight on the 11th the enemy lost 80 killed and over 30 wounded.

MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

SECRET INFORMATION.

London, Dec. 15. In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain said that it would not be in the public interest to state the means at his disposal to ascertain the strength of the Turkish forces at Bagdad, or why the expedition had advanced so far. The Foreign Office and the India Office were in close touch with the former subject, and the Government's appreciation of the services of the Expedition had been conveyed to General Sir John Nixon and to General Townshead.

HEAVY TURKISH ATTACK.

London, Dec. 15. In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain announced that there was heavy rifle fire at Kut-el-Amara, on the north front, on the 12th. There was also a heavy Turkish attack on a village on the right bank of the Tigris, which was repulsed. All was quiet on the 13th. Reinforcements continue to stream up as they arrive.

STOWAWAYS HEAVILY SENTENCED.

Sixteen stowaways, found on board the Standard Oil steamer Tacoma, were each fined \$1000 or six months imprisonment to-day by Mr. Hazeland. The steamer was about to leave for San Francisco.

To-day's Advertisements.

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TRADING WITH THE ENEMY.

BLACK LIST SCHEME WORKING SUCCESSFULLY.

London, Dec. 16.

In the House of Commons, in the Committee on the Trading with the Enemy Extension Bill, the Government was urged to abandon the black list of neutrals, and to extend it to all persons of enemy association.

Lord Cecil said that the black list scheme was working successfully abroad, including China and Portuguese East Africa, where great injury had been done to German trade with wonderfully little disturbance of British trade. The frame work of the Bill was not suitable to the suggested extension and he asked the House to keep the measure within its present limits.

GERMAN INTRIGUE AND CHINA'S CHANGE.

London, Dec. 16.

In the House of Commons at question time, Lord Robert Cecil said he had no reason to suppose that German intrigue had anything to do with the constitutional change in China.

AUSTRIA'S REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16.

The Austrian reply to the American Note was handed to the United States Ambassador at Vienna on the 14th. It is completely evasive, and asks for particular instances of the submarine commander's violations of International Law. It declares that Austria is willing, in principle, to enter into an exchange of opinion with the American Government, and expresses sympathy with the American victims.

U.S. CABINET SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.

The Cabinet has unanimously supported President Wilson regarding Austria, and has agreed that diplomatic relations must be severed if the American demands are not met.

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SHANGHAI	HOPSENG, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22, Daylight
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